

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FISHERIES REGULATION LEGISLATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are planning to enact Fisheries Regulation Legislation for the entire EEZ as recommended by the Majumdar Committee of 1978 and Murari Committee of 1997 for the conservation of fish resources and protection of traditional fishermen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Fisheries in territorial waters is State subject. Formulation of policy guidelines on fishing in the territorial waters under jurisdiction of all States except Gujarat has been accomplished with the promulgation of Marine Fishing Regulation Acts (MFRAs) as recommended by the Majumdar Committee in 1978. Policy guidelines on fishing in the form of Maritime Zones of India (MZI) Act, 1981 already exists for regulating fishing in Indian EEZ by foreign flag vessels. As regards fishing by joint venture and Indian owned vessels, the Government has accepted policy recommendations made by the Review Committee on Deep Sea Fishing Policy in 1996. Subsequently, an Expert Group has gone into formulation of a draft Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy, the report of which is before the Government.